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## DOYLE OPENS NEW ENTRY PAVILION AT HALL OF JUSTICE

Monroe County Executive Jack Doyle today unveiled the new Entry Pavilion at the County's Hall of Justice. A ribbon cutting ceremony was held at the pavilion, which concludes a major portion of the Hall of Justice state-mandated renovation project designed to improve security and public access, and provide more space for courts.

"This pavilion is our first step in improving quality and increasing efficiency at the Hall of Justice," said Doyle. "It increases the number of security screening stations and better defines circulation in the building. The impressive, glass-enclosed structure is spacious to accommodate high traffic volumes and elevators are now available to better assist people in and out of the Hall of Justice."

Beginning Friday, June 2, the old Exchange Street entrance will be closed. Visitors will be directed to the new Entry Pavilion, a circular, glass-enclosed structure located on the southeast corner of the Hall of Justice, across from the corner of Exchange and Court Streets. One central security screening station housing three magnetometers will be utilized through the new pavilion, as the security screening station formerly accessed from the Fitzhugh Street entrance will no longer be operational. Visitors entering at Fitzhugh Street will be directed to exit onto the Plaza level and walk around the outside of the building to the new Entry Pavilion.

The Entry Pavilion will remain open even when the Hall of Justice building itself is closed, for the public to use as a route from both levels of the Civic Center Garage and/or from the Plaza level to Exchange Street. Note: The existing route from the upper level of the garage to the Blue Cross Arena (both via the tunnel and by crossing Exchange Street) will remain available.

In addition to the relocation and redesign of the main entrance, the Hall of Justice renovation project has provided an additional 67,000 square feet of space for the courts (due in part to the relocation of the Appellate Court and the Sheriff) and an additional 12,000 square feet of space for supporting court functions.

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